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NEWS RELEASE

Number of Flu-Related Deaths Climbs to 19

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) reports a new flu-related death increasing the total number to 19 so far this season.

The latest victim is a woman in her 50's with known underlying medical conditions. The following table has all of the flu-related cases reported so far this season.

1.	Female	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions
2.	Male	90's	Underlying Medical Conditions
3.	Male	90's	Underlying Medical Conditions
4.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
5.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
6.	Female	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
7.	Female	70's	Underlying Medical Conditions
8.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
9.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
10.	Male	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions

11.	Female	70's	Underlying Medical Conditions
12.	Female	70's	Underlying Medical Conditions
13.	Male	80's	Underlying Medical Conditions
14.	Male	60's	Underlying Medical Conditions
15.	Female	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions
16.	Female	40's	No Underlying Medical Conditions
17.	Male	Under 5	Underlying Medical Condition
18.	Female	60's	Underlying Medical Conditions
*19.	Female	50's	Underlying Medical Conditions

(*new)

A total of 9,226 flu cases have been reported to the DPH this season compared to 1,211 cases at this time last year.

While it appears the flu season has reached its peak, public health officials continue to urge medical providers to test for the flu and to prescribe antivirals when possible. Residents are encouraged to get vaccinated and practice the "4 C's."

1. **CLEAN** - Wash your hands often. Scrub hands for at least 30 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
2. **COVER** – Cover your cough. Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Don't have a tissue? The crook of your elbow will do.
3. **CONTAIN** – Contain germs by steering clear of others who are sick. If you're sick, stay home until you're well.
4. **CALL** – Call or see a doctor if you or your child has a fever greater than 100 degrees.

For more information on the programs and services provided by the Department of Public Health, call 2-1-1 or visit www.EPHealth.com or www.EPSalud.com.

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